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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Status of Systems I Through VI

REFERENCE: SAPC 22159, dated 6 Dec 1957 (attached)

1. At [REDACTED] suggestion, I took up the questions in your memorandum (attached) with [REDACTED]. Following are the results. Mr. [REDACTED] says that he thinks he has convinced Mr. Bissell, as of 18 December, that the Commo setup has the capability, without the assistance (or interference) of Ramo-Wooldridge, to perform field operation and maintenance of all electronics systems currently in business or planned. (I do not include anything past System VI). This means that all Ramo-Wooldridge types will eventually disappear. The timing of this exodus varies from System to System.

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a. SYSTEM I: [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] Ramo-Wooldridge people now at "B" will take off on 1 March. The [REDACTED] follows approximately 1 month later. On 18 January 1958, [REDACTED] will move from "C" to "B", thence to phase out. The [REDACTED] person at "C" will disappear from the Project around September 1958. In short, everyone in this category will be gone by fall.

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b. SYSTEM II: Responsibility is no longer Project's.

c. SYSTEM III: Comments as for System I apply.

d. SYSTEM IV: The [REDACTED] persons [REDACTED] assigned to System IV at "B" (none at "C" - if requirements exist for this type mission at "C", people and hardware will be airlifted) will stay on until System IV reliability is established, which [REDACTED] predicts as not before January 1959.

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e. SYSTEM V: Like I and III, this will be supplanted by System VI. Comments on personnel as above.

f. SYSTEM VI: Ramo-Wooldridge says this hardware will be ready for transport to the field 15 February 1958. [REDACTED] guesses two month's slippage in this date to be a fair estimate. It will deploy, if all goes well, without Ramo-Wooldridge types.

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2. No retraining will be required and, accordingly, no scheduling either.

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3. Mr. [REDACTED] expressed his regrets that your position in this matter has been in the left field pavilion.

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3-Asst Dir
4-Asst Dir
5-Pers
6-Ops
7-Asst Dir
8-Commo
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